

MINUTES OF THE JONESTOWN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 9, 2009, 7:30 P.M. AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 18649 FM 1431, SUITE 3-A, JONESTOWN, TEXAS

A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR DEANE ARMSTRONG

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols, Mayor Armstrong and Alderman Aaron. Mayor Pro Tem Buckle was absent. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 11, 2009 Regular Meeting

Alderman Aaron made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2009 Regular Meeting. Alderman Wedell seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Mayor's Proclamation honoring Mayor James Brown

Mayor Armstrong presented a framed proclamation to Mayor James Brown.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens were present to comment.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider a request from the Loaves and Fishes Organization.

Karen Faulkner, of Loaves and Fishes, presented to the council her plans to serve families in the Jonestown area. She will talk to Diane at the rural center, and to the fire chief to find families in need, and how best to serve them. The program is free of charge and the recipients don't have to go through screening. The school district also helps them find the families in need.

No action was taken.

2. Discuss and consider the current level of service for animal control.

City Administrator Dan Dodson described the problems and issues inherent in getting into the animal control business and a discussion followed. A minimal level of service would be an animal control officer, a vehicle and a contract for where to take the animals. City Attorney

Paige Saenz was asked about the city's obligations toward animal control. She said we have discretion and it depends on budget.

Mr. Dodson was asked to bring back a revised schedule of fines at the next meeting, but in the mean time, just have officers observe the situation and have the citizen file another complaint, and record the noise. When the budget work sessions start, Mr. Dodson will include animal control in a decision package which includes several scenarios to address the issue.

No action was taken on this item.

3. a. Public Hearing on the adoption of an ordinance re-codifying the Code of Ordinance's of the City of Jonestown and amending site development and subdivision regulations.

No citizens wished to speak on the item. Alderman Nichols made a motion to close the public hearing. Alderman Wedell seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Armstrong closed the public hearing.

- b. Discuss and consider an ordinance adopting a re-codified code of ordinances.

Alderman Nichols made a motion to adopt an ordinance of the City of Jonestown, Texas, adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the amendment of such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. Alderman Aaron seconded the motion. Alderman Moore asked about the memorandum of understanding, and City Attorney Saenz answered his questions. The memorandum is for information only, and the ordinance only adopts the new code. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Discuss and consider authorization to expend funds to pay for currently financed capital items.

Alderman Nichols explained that when the current budget was approved, the council agreed to pay off all financed vehicles from reserves, and then pay back the reserves over three years, if the revenue came in as expected. He said that the funds are there and it was the council's intention to do this, but at this time, no money will be needed from reserves because the city had an overage in revenue from last year.

Alderman Moore made a motion to pay off currently financed capital items not to exceed \$65,000. Alderman Wedell seconded the motion. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Moore, Alderman Wedell, Alderman Nichols and Alderman Aaron. No: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Administrator to apply for Grants/Stimulus funds.

City Administrator Dodson is asking for the Council's blessing to apply for funding as it becomes available. Alderman Aaron made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to apply for Grants/Stimulus funds. Alderman Wedell seconded the motion. Alderman Aaron

asked to amend his motion to add that the City Administrator keep the City Council abreast of these activities if grants are filed for. Alderman Wedell accepted the amendment. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Discussion of revenues and expenditures from the current finance report.

Dan Dodson said that the city has been fortunate this year and staff members have all been conservative with expenditures. He will bring an amended budget to council during budget work sessions. There was a discussion of the street maintenance project, vehicle and equipment purchases, materials for road work, and the projected dates for budget work sessions.

No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider an Ordinance establishing wastewater utility operations, associated regulations, rates and other related water/wastewater requirements.

Alderman Aaron made a motion to approve an ordinance of The City of Jonestown, Texas, adding Articles 13.03 and 13.04 to the Code of Ordinances, providing rules, regulations and requirements for wastewater services and facilities within the City; amending the fee schedule set forth in Appendix A to establish wastewater service rates, tap fees, late payment charges, and charge for disconnect and reconnect of service; regulating private wells within the City; providing severability, effective date and open meetings clauses; and providing for related matters. Alderman Nichols seconded the motion. Alderman Moore asked a question about the highlighted section on page 12 of the ordinance, and City Attorney Paige Saenz answered his questions. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Yes: Alderman Aaron, Alderman Nichols, Alderman Wedell and Alderman Moore. No: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.**

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2009.

Deane Armstrong, Mayor
City of Jonestown

ATTEST:

Linda Hambrick, City Secretary